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Misses Powell and Co. have issued a very handy desk calendar for the ensuing year.

The Local Secretary informs us that Miss S. Mehta, A.A., of Victoria English School, Senior Candidate at the Oxford Local Examinations last July, was placed in the list Distinguished for Religious Knowledge.

The Victoria Dispensary issues a pretty calendar, with a photographic view from the Island. It also contains much postal and other useful information. The Mitsui Busan Kaihatsu agents for the Meiji Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., have forwarded the Company's calendar, bearing the well-known view of Fuji Yama.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Football Club was held yesterday at the Victoria Recreation Club. The Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, President of the Club, presided. A number of rules connected with the constitution and management of the Club were considered, and ultimately were proposed for adoption by Mr H. W. Shad, seconded by Mr E. F. Mackay, and passed.

LEGISLATION against football, as well as golf, has been tried before now, but without success. Undaunted by past failure, however, some cranks in the State of Virginia have introduced a bill in the Senate to abolish football where an admission fee is charged. If American football is the insanely dangerous game, the journals of the country would have us believe, the game ought to be abolished instantaneously, but the legislation, if adopted, will have very little effect.

At the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese woman, keeper of a cobbler at No. 28 Kennedy Street, was fined \$75 for having sold milk from cows in the sheds, which was closed by order of the Sanitary Board in consequence of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. This morning at five o'clock P.C. Huggart arrested a man, whom he searched in Kennedy Street, and found four bottles of milk in his possession. The Chinaman had evidently been employed to carry out the milk. The Magistrate, in imposing the fine, said he would continue imposing heavy fines until the practice of evading the law was put a stop to.

The Chinese head-groom employed at Mr Kennedy's stables at Kennedy Road charged Mr Kennedy's European assistant, at the Magistracy to-day, with assault. Yesterday the defendant gave complainant orders to have some ponies groomed, and complainant replied that that was not his piggin, and left the yard. He jumped into a trap, and was preparing to drive off when defendant jumped into it also and caught hold of the reins. Complainant put up his hands in a fighting attitude, and defendant slapped him on the face and took him to Mr Kennedy. The Magistrate dismissed the charge.

It is stated that at the swearing-in of naval recruits at Kiel the other day, the Emperor William, in conversation with Admiral Von Knoer, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Navy, and with Prince Henry, made use of the expression, 'We must forestall England.' This remark was made while the Emperor was enquiring on the situation in China, and dwelling on the fact that the advantage gained by the quick action of the German naval forces in Kiau Chau Bay must be followed by an adequate strengthening of the squadron by all the forces available. The Emperor may have said so and he may not, but it is more likely he wished to forestall Russia than England, which has exhibited no desire to annex territory in China. As long as public opinion is in a feverish state we are likely to hear absurd stories of the German Emperor.

The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held last night, the Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, presiding in the absence of the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. C. P. Oliver, C.M.G. The following officers were appointed and invested:—D.S.G.W., Wor. Bro. G. C. Anderson; D.J.G.W., Wor. Bro. P. R. Simmonds; D.G. Chaplain, Wor. Bro. F. B. Smith; D.G. Treasurer, Wor. Bro. P. H. W. Brewitt; D.G. Registrar, Wor. Bro. G. J. W. King; D.G. President of the Board of General Purposes, Wor. Bro. W. C. H. Hastings; D.G. Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin; D.S.G.D., Wor. Bro. D. Macdonald; D.J.G.D., Wor. Bro. G. P. Lamont; D.G. Superintendent of Works, Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; D.G.D.C., Wor. Bro. F. W. Edwards; D.G. Ass't, D.C., Wor. Bro. F. Salinger; D.G. Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. G. Balloch; D.G. Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. J. Hutchinson; and Bro. C. J. Lefranc; D.G. Organist, Bro. G. Grimble; D.G. Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. D. Hall; D. Assistant Grand Pursuivant, Wor. Bro. J. G. Gutz; Grand Standard-bearer, Bro. C. W. Spriggs; Bro. J. Bremer; Bro. D. E. Brown; Bro. J. H. Pearson; Bro. G. Strickney; and Bro. F. H. Siemssen; D.G. Tyler, Wor. Bro. J. R. Grimble. Wor. Bro. R. Mitchell and Wor. Bro. H. E. A. Hoile were elected unofficial members of the Board of General Purposes.

MEMBERS AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon H.I.G.M.S. Moore, Oslo, Lysemon, Horrmann.

Aberdeen.—None.

Consorter.—West York.

Local Composer.—6 Places, by George Ward, Dec. 29, 1897. Price, 1/-.

#### RECKLESS BICYCLE RIDING.

Yesterday afternoon, between four and five o'clock, five Chinese ladies were returning from a visit to a lady in the Bonham Road, when, near the Nethercote Hospital, a certain Portuguese, who was riding a bicycle, overtook them and deliberately knocked down one of them without the least warning of any kind whatever.

The cowardly and inhuman rider, on picking up himself and his wretched bicycle, bolted as fast as he could, leaving the unfortunate lady on the road in an unconscious condition, without offering the slightest assistance.

It was very fortunate that the accident happened near the Hospital, otherwise serious consequences would have resulted before any assistance could have been got.

The accident took place on the right side of the road, and near the side channel, which shows that the rider had not kept to the right course.

As there were no police near the spot and the saviour and her companions were all ladies, the cowardly rider managed to get away as easily as he did.

We may add that the lady who was hurt is still in the Hospital, under treatment.

This may be interesting news for the bicyclists.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central, on Friday next at 10 a.m.:

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

It has transpired that Prince Henry handed a long letter from the Emperor William to the Queen at Osborne. Great significance is attached to this.

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LONDON, December 27th, 1897.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the Russians have occupied Kin-chau, north of Port Arthur.

THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

Prince Henry's Squadron has arrived at Gibraltar.

Prince Henry, on landing, was received with a guard of honour from the Grenadier Guards, and dined with the Governor.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 20th at 11.20 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, fallen in S. China.

The highest pressure is covering N. China with moderate gradients on the east, and in the China Sea. Forecast—frosh N.E. winds; cloudy, some light rain.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

The General Managers, Messrs J. D. Humphreys and Son, have received the following telegram from Australia:—

'A crushing of 400 tons of quartz from Eureka has yielded 140 ounces to the ton. Shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet.'

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Hon. Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, December 29.

D. A. GUBBAY AND OTHERS v. E. R. BELLIECE.

Mr Pollock addressed the Court, and first of all raised a technical point. The action had not been brought in any form authorised by the law of this Colony.

The suit purported to be brought by Messrs Gibbons, Raymond and David, on behalf of themselves, and all other members of the Jewish community other than the defendant.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & Son, General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897.

SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, 24th December.

A shocking tragedy was enacted this morning in the Manager's office of the Club Concordia, which has thrown a depressing gloom over the usual Christmas festivities which make that favourite institution a centre of attraction at this season of the year. At midday to-day it was noticed by some of the members that the usual games were not on the tables, and a servant was seen upstairs to see the Manager about the omission. The door of his office was found locked, and the police and suspicions were therefore aroused.

Some workmen on the premises were requisitioned to break open the door, when some of the members and Committee entering, found Mr Ophido Kluth, the Secretary and Manager, lying dead upon the sofa. Medical assistance was hastily summoned, and Dr Macleod was first to arrive; but the unfortunate man was beyond the reach of medical skill, life having been extinct for some time. A bottle of chloroform was found alongside the body, which smelt strongly of the drug, and it was plain how death had been caused, namely, by inhalation of its fumes.

The deceased was well known and much respected in Shanghai, but it is feared he had lately got into pecuniary difficulties.

He had been the Manager of the Club for some five years, and previous to that was Inspector in the Municipal Police Force.

He leaves a widow and several children with whom much sympathy is felt in their sudden desolation at a season when the bulk of mankind puts on a real masquerading garb of festivity and rejoicing.—*China Gazette*.

Mrs Barnabas Brough, the novelist, mother of the well-known actor, Lionel Brough, died in London on November 24th in her 95th year. Her husband was a dramatic author and all the members of the family have displayed a marked literary or dramatic aptitude.

The *Aberdeen Journal* contains an analysis of the nationality of the Gordon Highlanders killed and wounded at Dargai. Of the total of 45, 25 are Scotch, 18 English, 2 Irish, while one Lance-Corporal Free-stone, was born in Lucknow. Of the Scotchmen eleven belong to Aberdeen.

THE late Bishop of Rochester was once

batting in a local cricket match, when the bowler sent a ball very wide of the wicket.

'Keep the ball in the parish' cried the irascible bishop. The next ball knocked the lardship's middle stump out, and the yodled about: 'I think that's somewhere about the diocese, my lad.'

'LOOKER-ON' written in the *Japan Gazette*.

—By the removal of Mr. W. W. Campbell to Hongkong more societies than the Monte Carlo Yacht Club will suffer a severe loss.

A keen sport, a genial companion, always bright and cheerful, Mr Campbell had hosts of friends. And in social circles his acquaintance will be equally missed. A clever musician and a sweet singer, Mrs Campbell's place will be difficult to fill.

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#### THE PARTITION OF CHINA.

##### REPORTED FRENCH ANNEXATION OF HAINAN.

(Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 29, 2.55 p.m.

It is reported here that the French admiral, Admiral de la Béthouiller, has hoisted the French flag on Hainan Island, and that no opposition was offered by the Chinese mandarins.

##### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the 'CHINA MAIL']

LONDON, 20th December, 1897.

##### EVACUATION OF KASSALA BY THE ITALIANS.

Kassala has been handed over to Colonel Parsons, and the Italians have started for Kereni.

##### THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST.

Various rumours are current in London of a *rapprochement* between Great Britain and Japan, in view of recent events.

##### FIRE IN CHICAGO.

The Coliseum in Chicago has been burned; nine lives were lost and fifty people injured.

##### FIRE NEAR LONDON.

At a fire at a cottage in Bathurst Green, a woman and her nine children were burned to death.

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LONDON, December 27th, 1897.

##### RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the Russians have occupied Kin-chau, north of Port Arthur.

##### THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

Prince Henry's Squadron has arrived at Gibraltar.

Prince Henry, on landing, was received with a guard of honour from the Grenadier Guards, and dined with the Governor.

##### WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 20th at 11.20 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, fallen in S. China.

The highest pressure is covering N. China with moderate gradients on the east, and in the China Sea. Forecast—frosh N.E. winds; cloudy, some light rain.

##### OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

The General Managers, Messrs J. D. Humphreys and Son, have received the following telegram from Australia:—

'A crushing of 400 tons of quartz from Eureka has yielded 140 ounces to the ton. Shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet.'

##### SUPREME COURT.

##### IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Hon. Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Wednesday, December 29.

##### D. A. GUBBAY AND OTHERS v. E. R. BELLIECE.

Mr Pollock addressed the Court, and first of all raised a technical point. The action had not been brought in any form authorised by the law of this Colony.

The suit purported to be brought by Messrs Gibbons, Raymond and David, on behalf of themselves, and all other members of the Jewish community other than the defendant.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & Son, General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897.

##### SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, 24th December.

A shocking tragedy was enacted this morning in the Manager's office of the Club Concordia, which has thrown a depressing gloom over the usual Christmas festivities which make that favourite institution a centre of attraction at this season of the year.

At midday to-day it was noticed by some of the members that the usual games were not on the tables, and a servant was seen upstairs to see the Manager about the omission.

Some workmen on the premises were requisitioned to break open the door, when some of the members and Committee entering, found Mr Ophido Kluth, the Secretary and Manager, lying dead upon the sofa.

Medical assistance was hastily summoned, and Dr Macleod was first to arrive; but the unfortunate man was beyond the reach of medical skill, life having been extinct for some time.

Mr Pollock said he did not quite take it at first, but he would, he said, he would, he would,



# THE CHINA MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES:  
Corrected to Friday, December 24, 1897.  
At 1000 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Price.  
Hhds. Loins.  
Wash. Oats.

Butcher Meat.

肉食

|                                  |         |     |       |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----|-------|
| Bacon, English,                  | lb.     | —   | 來路烟猪肉 |
| Ame. Sugar cured,                | lb.     | 160 | 花旗烟猪肉 |
| Foochow,                         | lb.     | 240 | 福州烟猪肉 |
| Japan, cured                     | lb.     | —   | 日本烟猪肉 |
| Beef, sirloin & prime cut, catty | lb.     | 110 | 尾能外   |
| Corned,                          | catty   | 140 | 臘牛肉   |
| Roast,                           | catty   | 130 | 燒牛肉   |
| Soup,                            | catty   | 110 | 牛肉湯   |
| Steak,                           | catty   | 120 | 牛腰    |
| Bullock's Brains,                | per nos | 60  | 牛腦    |
| Tongue fresh, each               | lb.     | 200 | 牛頭    |
| " corned,                        | catty   | 310 | 臘牛頭   |
| Heart,                           | catty   | 150 | 牛心    |
| Hump, Salt catty                 | lb.     | 140 | 牛肩    |
| Fest,                            | catty   | 60  | 牛腰    |
| Kidneys,                         | catty   | 50  | 牛腰    |
| Tail,                            | catty   | 100 | 牛尾    |
| Liver,                           | catty   | 70  | 牛肝    |
| Tripe (undressed) catty          | lb.     | 60  | 牛肚    |
| Oysters Head and Feet, set       | lb.     | 500 | 牛仔頭脚  |
| Flame, American,                 | lb.     | 360 | 花旗火腿  |
| Chinese,                         | lb.     | 260 | 金華火腿  |
| English, New,                    | lb.     | 400 | 來路火腿  |
| Japan cured,                     | lb.     | 320 | 日本火腿  |
| Shanghai,                        | lb.     | 240 | 上海火腿  |
| Mutton Chop,                     | lb.     | 190 | 羊排    |
| Leg,                             | lb.     | 190 | 羊腿    |
| Shoulder,                        | catty   | 160 | 羊肩    |
| Pig's Chitting,                  | catty   | 70  | 豬頭    |
| Foot,                            | catty   | 110 | 豬腳    |
| Fry,                             | catty   | 160 | 豬頭    |
| Head,                            | catty   | 500 | 豬頭    |
| Heart,                           | catty   | 50  | 豬心    |
| Kidneys,                         | catty   | 70  | 豬心    |
| Liver,                           | lb.     | 160 | 豬肝    |
| Pork, Chop,                      | catty   | 180 | 豬頭    |
| Corned,                          | catty   | 330 | 豬頭    |
| Log,                             | catty   | 190 | 豬頭    |
| Fat or Lard,                     | lb.     | 180 | 豬頭    |
| Sheep's Head and Feet, set       | lb.     | 400 | 羊頭    |
| Heart,                           | catty   | 50  | 羊心    |
| Kidneys,                         | catty   | 70  | 羊心    |
| Liver,                           | lb.     | 160 | 羊肝    |
| Pork, Chop,                      | catty   | 180 | 豬頭    |
| Curry, Mutton,                   | catty   | 180 | 豬頭    |
| Tea,                             | catty   | 100 | 茶油    |
| Meat, Mutton,                    | catty   | 110 | 茶油    |
| Veal,                            | catty   | 130 | 牛仔肉   |

Poultry.

生日

|                |       |     |    |
|----------------|-------|-----|----|
| Chicken,       | catty | 220 | 雞仔 |
| Capon,         | catty | 250 | 雞仔 |
| Ducks,         | catty | 170 | 鴨子 |
| Doves,         | each  | 120 | 鳩  |
| Eggs, Hens,    | dozen | 120 | 雞蛋 |
| " Duck,        | catty | 110 | 鴨蛋 |
| Geese,         | catty | 180 | 鵝蛋 |
| Hares,         | catty | 190 | 兔蛋 |
| Music Deer,    | catty | 80  | 鹿蛋 |
| Partridges,    | catty | 300 | 雉蛋 |
| Pigeons,       | catty | 20  | 鴿蛋 |
| Pheasant,      | catty | 800 | 雉雞 |
| Birds, Rico,   | dozen | 110 | 鳥  |
| Quail,         | catty | 140 | 鷄  |
| Snipe,         | catty | 40  | 鷄  |
| Turkeys, Cook, | catty | 400 | 火雞 |
| " Hen,         | catty | 100 | 火雞 |
| Teal,          | catty | 600 | 水鴨 |
| Wild Ducks,    | catty | 600 | 水鴨 |

Fish.

海鮮

|                        |        |     |      |
|------------------------|--------|-----|------|
| Barbel,                | catty  | 140 | 鮑魚   |
| Bream,                 | catty  | 80  | 鯉魚   |
| Bombay Duck,           | pieces | 400 | 孟加拉魚 |
| Oton Fresh Water Fish, | catty  | 100 | 淡水魚  |
| Carp,                  | catty  | 100 | 鯉魚   |
| Oatfish,               | catty  | —   | 鯉魚   |
| Oodhah, Salt,          | catty  | 60  | 鯉魚   |
| Crabs,                 | catty  | 160 | 蟹    |
| Cuttle Fish,           | catty  | 100 | 墨魚   |
| Dab,                   | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| Dace,                  | catty  | 90  | 鰈魚   |
| Dog Fish,              | catty  | —   | 鰈魚   |
| Eels, Conger,          | catty  | —   | 鰈魚   |
| " Fresh water,         | catty  | 200 | 鰈魚   |
| Eels, Yellow,          | catty  | 180 | 鰈魚   |
| Filie Fish,            | catty  | —   | 鰈魚   |
| Frogs,                 | catty  | 250 | 鰈魚   |
| Fresh Fish,            | catty  | 110 | 鰈魚   |
| Garpous,               | catty  | 300 | 鰈魚   |
| Gudgeon,               | catty  | 90  | 鰈魚   |
| Gurnard,               | catty  | 80  | 鰈魚   |
| Herring,               | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| " Smoked,              | box    | —   | 鰈魚   |
| Halibut,               | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| Labrus,                | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| Lash,                  | catty  | 140 | 鰈魚   |
| Lobsters,              | catty  | 160 | 鰈魚   |
| Mackerel,              | catty  | 150 | 鰈魚   |
| Monk Fish,             | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| Mullet,                | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |
| Oysters,               | catty  | 150 | 生蠔   |
| Parrotfish,            | catty  | 140 | 鰈魚   |
| Pew,                   | catty  | 100 | 鰈魚   |

|                              |       |     |     |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Pike,                        | catty | —   | 花鮰  |
| Plaice,                      | catty | —   | 白鮰  |
| Pomfret, White               | catty | 150 | 黑鮰  |
| Pomfret, Black               | catty | 120 | 黑鮰  |
| Prawns,                      | catty | 200 | 明蝦  |
| Ray,                         | catty | 50  | 琵琶沙 |
| Rock Fish,                   | catty | 80  | 石狗公 |
| Roach,                       | catty | —   | 鯉魚  |
| Salmon, (Canton),            | catty | 200 | 鮑魚  |
| Shark,                       | catty | 50  | 鯊魚  |
| Salt Fish,                   | catty | 100 | 鮀魚  |
| Shata,                       | catty | 50  | 鮀魚  |
| Shrimps,                     | catty | 150 | 蝦   |
| Snapper,                     | catty | 110 | 立魚  |
| Sole,                        | catty | 110 | 健沙魚 |
| Tench,                       | catty | 120 | 鯉魚  |
| Turbot,                      | catty | 100 | 石口魚 |
| Turtles, small, fresh water, | catty | 350 | 海龜  |
| Whiting,                     | catty | 70  | 飛魚  |
| White Bait,                  | catty | 90  | 鰈仔  |

## NEWS BY THE CANADIAN MAIL.

ANOTHER ATLANTIC RECORD.

Southampton, November 29.—The North German Lloyd steamer *Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse*, Captain Engelhart, which left New York on November 23d, passing the Sandy Hook Lightship at about 4.30 p.m., arrived here this afternoon, passing the Needles at 2.10. The steamer was delayed 25 minutes in standing by a burning ship, but the rate of speed was increased to 15.5 knots, and the average speed across the Atlantic was 22.38 knots. The total distance covered was 3,065 miles and the passage lasted 137 hours, 8 minutes or 5 days 17 hours, 8 minutes from which, of course, should be deducted the 25 minutes lost in standing by the burning ship which would make the actual passage 5 days, 16 hours, 43 minutes, though she is only allowed a record of 5 days, 17 hours, 8 minutes by maritime experts.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, NOV. 30.—The anniversary dinner of the Royal Society was given this evening, Lord Lester presiding. The company included United States Ambassador Hay, and several other members of the diplomatic corps, Lord Kelvin, Sir William MacCormac, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the Right Hon. Charles Ritchie, President of the Board of Trade, Sir John Lubbock, M.P., Lord Davy, the Duke of Devonshire, and most of the leading British scientists. Ambassador Hay, in presenting the principal toast, "The Royal Society," said: "In bodies of men like this, on both sides of the sea, exists one of the strongest bonds of union. They are united in the common love and pursuit of universal truth, and by devotion to the best interests of mankind, and the kindred passion for light and progress. In your pursuit of science are all gain and no loss. The triumphs of war bring terror and anguish to both sides; but the successes of diplomacy and trade are often attended by the discomfiture of one of the parties, but the whole world is brightened and made more lovely by the achievements of a Faraday or a Morse, and the genius of a Lister diminishes beyond computation the whole vast sum of human suffering. Every discovery, every invention on either side of the ocean, the product of the searching and self-denying scholars of our race, Kelvin, Edison, Bell, Bessemer, Darwin, Marsh, or Huxley, is at once thrown into the common stock of the world's intellectual riches, profiting every one and injuring none."

ITALY'S FINANCES. Rome, December 1.—The Minister of Finance, Signor Luzzati, made his financial statement in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. It showed a surplus of 34,000,000 lire for the financial year of 1896-97. The result was considered especially gratifying, as the abundant wheat crop of Italy has largely decreased the customs receipts. The revised Budget for the current year showed a surplus of 40,500,000 lire. Part of the surplus will be devoted to the establishment of a Consolidated Fund, to be devoted to the withdrawal of the State notes, as the most efficacious method of extinguishing the premium on gold. Thus, next year, over 30,000,000 lire of State notes will be redeemed. It is proposed to reduce the expenditures in Erythrea, the Italian colony on the East Coast of Africa, from 9,000,000 to 5,000,000 lire, and to gradually withdraw the Italian troops from the plateau, to the Henshaw, and Massawa, the port of embarkation and embarkation.

SPAIN AND HER COLONIES. Madrid, December 1.—The Queen Regent presided at the Cabinet meeting to-day. Senor Sagasta, the Premier, reviewed the general situation. He said that the military operations in the Province of Finar del Rio showed it to be an important centre of rebellion, though General Weyler had declared this district pacified. General Bernal, the Premier said, had been ordered not to relax his energy in pursuing the insurgents.

With reference to the insurrection in the Philippine Islands, Senor Sagasta reported that he was not entirely surprised, as it was a long time assumed; but Captain-General Rivera had informed the Government that negotiations for the submission of the insurgents were progressing. The Carlist question, he said, had marred the attention of the Government, but it was not thought that the Carlists would make such movements. The Premier then explained the relations between the United States and Spain at the present stage, asserting that the American Government now appears to be well disposed toward Spain.

THE FASTEST TORPEDO BOAT. Washington, December 3.—The Navy Department has received information that Russia is about to become possessed of three new torpedo boats, which will be easily the fastest war craft in the world, being capable of the enormous speed of 55 knots an hour, with every possibility of making 40 knots, when pressed. The speed demands greater power than the boats had, but the contest seemingly Green refused to be beaten took terrible punishment without complaint, in the 11th round changed his tactics from an ineffective defense to a fierce attack, got his man going by body jabs and put him out with left swings on the neck in the opening of the 12th round. The first hurricane round was the most terrible scientific fighting ever seen in Canada, while the battle all through was remarkable for hard and fast work, no foul and no exchange or a word between the contestants. W. F. Hall was before, while Harry Morton held the watch.

REDUCTION OF OFFICES IN NEWFOUNDLAND. St. John's, Nov. 29.—Sir James Winter, the new Premier, and the members of his Cabinet, were all re-elected without opposition in their respective constituencies. The Government is vigorously pursuing the reform policy to which it pledged itself at the outset and already the reduction in the number of offices and officials guarantees a saving to the colony of \$30,000 a year.

AT ARISTOCRATIC SWINDLES. London, December 29.—The Lord Chief Justice is hearing an interesting case, which is attracting the attention of club men and members of the aristocracy. It is the suit of a money lender, who is seeking to recover from an officer of the Navy, named Clay, the sum of £11,112, due on two promissory notes, cashed for Lord William Nevile. Sir Edward Clarke, Q. C., representing Mr. Clay, examined the plaintiff and showed that Lord William Nevile, borrowed a large sum of from 30 to 40 per cent. interest, and that, in one case recently, the parents of a youth, who had endorsed Lord William Nevile's unpaid notes, paid the plaintiff £40,000. Sir Edward Clarke alleged that Lord William Nevile assured Mr. Clay's endorsement by trickery, making Mr. Clay witness his signature to family documents of a private character. These documents, the counsel explained, covered a paper in which there were signs where Mr. Clay had signed. The letter signed, and asked to see the documents, whereupon he was told that the documents referred to the divorce of Lord William Nevile's sister, Lucy, Cowley. Mr. Clay accepted the explanation and signed without having any idea, until he was sued, that he was signing promissory notes.

Mr. Clay fails to corroborate the statements made by Sir Edward Clarke, but it is clear that after the divorce of his sister, Lucy, he signed the documents.

with it, and the latter wrote and asked him to hold his tongue for a short while, as otherwise he would be ruined for life.

Finally Mr. Clay called Lord Nevile a swindler.

At the close of to-day's testimony the case was adjourned.

The money lender in the case is Sam.

Lewis, who has been connected with most of the big money-lending scandals.

The British "Arrow" last showed the name of Lieut. H. H. S. Clay, one of the officers of the Second Line Guards, of which regiment the Prince

